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—I, Kira Kaoru, a poor commoner who got into the elite boys' school Kouryouin Academy as a scholarship student,
quickly found myself claimed as reserve for Misonoo Iori the richest guy in the school
HEY, KAORU.
Reserves are essentially servants
I WANT SPECIAL LUNCH "A" TODAY.
I'M STARVING, SO HURRY UP AND GET IT.
hold up
Gold meal ticket
shuffle shuffle
I WONDER HOW MUCH ONE OF THESE TICKETS COSTS...

Misonoo's special reserved seat. The balcony seat where you can sit back and relax.
But, well, they're paying my tuition and a bunch of other fees, so I think of it as an in-school part-time job, and it's not that big of a deal.
I was pretty confused at first, and it had me feeling kinda down for a while—
clatter
—HERE, SORRY FOR THE WAIT
THANKS
rummage rummage
—I decided to think that way on the third day.
Human beings are pretty tough like that. Ha ha.
Kaoru's homemade lunch
Stable
.....
=
.....??
WHAT?

YOU BROUGHT YOUR LUNCH AGAIN TODAY, KAORU?
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S CHEAPER TO MAKE IT MYSELF
Sorry for having such a cheap lunch.
Very interested
...OH? SO YOU MADE THAT YOURSELF?
HMM
—HEY, KAORU,
WANNA TRADE YOUR LUNCH FOR MINE?
—WHAA!?
H-he's saying strange things again...
WHA...? YOU'RE NOT GONNA LIKE MY CHEAP LUNCH, YOU KNOW...
grab
Besides what will everyone around us think...?
COME ON, LET ME EAT YOUR COOKING
AH!
M-MISONOO, WAIT...!

blush
chomp
IT WAS FOR ME, SO I DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING SPECIAL
WAH... HE ACTUALLY ATE IT...
HM.
stare
What is that—?
worry
Huh? Why is Misonoo-kun eating a cheap lunch..?
stare
worry
W-WAIT, MISONOO...
EVERY-ONE'S STARING...
munch
munch
munch
stare
Take a look at that
munch
munch
munch
BUT IT'S A BIT SMALL
I'D PREFER IF THERE WERE TWO MORE ONIGIRI.
—THIS IS ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD.
HUH?

COME TO THINK OF IT, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN OUT FOR A NICE MEAL LIKE THIS
MUNCH
Silence
This is good
Even though I was so sure he would hate it
HEY, HURRY UP AND EAT WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
AH!
...He's enjoying it, even though it's a cheap lunch...
SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR LUNCH HAD A... RELAXING FLAVOR TO IT
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT IT...
HUH ?
—Thus my school life starts with Misonoo and ends with Misonoo.
Sigh
Shuffle
Shuffle
BUT THERE REALLY WASN'T ENOUGH. GO GET ME A SANDWICH TO GO WITH IT, WILL YOU, KAORU?
Here, a meal ticket
Jeez!

worn out
WAIT A MINUTE, MISONO...
I CAN'T GET YOUR CLOTHES OFF IF YOU DO THAT...
I'M TIRED. WE RAN A MARATHON IN GYM CLASS TODAY
TAKE MY CLOTHES OFF LIKE THIS...
What a selfish reason
Such a fairy
- FINE. GUESS THIS WILL HAVE TO DO...
reluctant
Let's just get this over with and head home—
Still, I can't go home until I bring his clothes to the laundry room downstairs

rustle
rustle
Banzai
stare
ALL RIGHT...
...YEAH...
COULD YOU RAISE YOUR ARM A BIT, MISONO?
HEY, I CAN'T GET YOUR SLEEVE OFF LIKE THAT.
.....
chomp
ボスン!
SFX: FLUMP

—UGH
struggle
.....!!!!
OWW WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KAORU? A MAN'S FACE IS HIS LIFE, YOU KNOW
Wha...?
I-I can't believe him—!
—THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!
J-JUST NOW, YOU B-
BIT MY NIPPLE, DIDN'T YOU...?
grin
PERVERT!!
SUCH AN INTERESTING REACTION, AS USUAL
I DIDN'T BITE IT I GAVE IT SOME LOVING ATTENTION
'CAUSE IT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY FACE
.....
pant
wheeze

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—I'm a guy... so why do I hav_ to put up with this...?
A-ANYWAY... LET'S HURRY UP AND GET YOUR CLOTHES OFF, MISONOO...
I WANNA GO HOME...
NOT JUST A KISS, BUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS
UH...
grab
I-I CAN'T...
I HAVE WORK AFTER THIS
WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY...? YOU SHOULD SLOW DOWN AND TAKE IT EASY HERE ONCE IN A WHILE
—WHAA??
WORK??
OH? THE SCHOOL YEAR JUST STARTED, AND YOU'RE ALREADY WORKING, KAORU?
WHERE DOING WHAT?

—Huh??
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY IN THE EVENING AT A SUPERMARKET, THEN I ALTERNATE NIGHT SHIFTS AT A FAMILY RESTAURANT AND A CONVENIENCE STORE
SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS I LEAVE OFEN FOR CHORES AND STUDY
WELL
WAI— ISN'T THAT... A LITTLE BUSY?
WHAT DO YOU DO WITH ALL THE MONEY?
STUFF LIKE DAILY NECESSITIES, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, CLOTHES... I BUY ALL MY OWN STUFF
BESIDES, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY A LITTLE, I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING TO MY FAMILY
SO I HAVE TO WORK THAT MUCH—

You buy your own stuff??
...!?
JUST WHAT IS YOUR LIFE LIKE...?
—MY FAMILY'S IN DEBT.
WE HAVE TO ALL HELP OUT TO DEAL WITH IT. SO...
RIGHT NOW, ALL I CAN DO IS MAKE SURE I DON'T BURDEN MY PARENTS ANY MORE THAN I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO.
.....
DEBT? FOR WHAT...?

Y-YOU WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND... WE COMMONERS HAVE A LOT OF OUR OWN PROBLEMS.
ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW IT IS
YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH ME WHEN WE'RE AT SCHOOL—
BUT COULD YOU STOP TREATING ME LIKE YOUR RESERVE WHEN I HAVE TO GO TO WORK...?
...
...FINE I WON'T IN-TERFERE WITH YOUR JOBS.
—!
R-REALLY? THANK YOU, MISONOO ..
Mmm

SO, I SHOULD PROBABLY BE GETTING TO WORK...
SORRY, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GET YOUR OWN TOWELS AFTER YOU SHOWER
PUSH
—W-WHAT'S WITH THAT MOUTH...?
YOU JUST SAID I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT WITH YOU UNTIL YOU GO TO WORK, RIGHT?
SO AT LEAST LET ME KISS YOU
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
.....
HEY, KAORU.
WHAT?

NEVER-MIND.
DON'T SCREW UP AT WORK, KAORU.
annoyed
I'LL TRY TO BE CAREFUL.
...SEE YOU TOMORROW.
shut
...I NEVER IMAGINED HE HAD A HOME LIFE LIKE THAT
"You knew you wouldn't fit in, so why did you come here?"
"This school has the best chance of getting me a job at an elite company."
—SO... THIS IS ALL FOR HIS FAMILY...?

—Ever since I told Misonoo about my family situation he's at least gotten cooperative when it comes to my jobs.
For one, he lets me rest in his dorm room on the days when I have a late shift.
—HEY.
HEY, KAORU.
poke
poke
Zzz
IF YOU DON'T GET UP, YOU'LL BE LATE FOR WORK.
Zzz
Celebrity prince acting as an alarm clock
MMM
KAORU.
.....
WELL, ANYONE WOULD BE TIRED OUT BY WORKING THAT MUCH EVERY DAY.
stare
DEAD TO THE WORLD...
Zzz
Zzz
Zzz

awaken
H-HUH...? IS IT TIME ALREADY...?
THANKS FOR WAKING ME UP, MISONOO.
rumble
touch
rub
I MAKE SURE TO REST ON THE WEEKENDS, SO I'M FINE LIKE THIS.
HMM...
ISN'T YOUR CURRENT WORKLOAD PRETTY HARD ON YOUR BODY?
...THERE ARE BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES.
WH-WHAT...?
-?

BUT IT IS MY PROBLEM. YOU'RE MY RESERVE
—YOU MAY END UP GETTING A JOB IN MY FAMILY'S COMPANY, YOU KNOW.
Ugh...
BUT WON'T YOU RUN OUT OF ENERGY IF YOU KEEP GOING LIKE THIS?
EVEN SO, I CAN'T CUT DOWN MY HOURS.
BESIDES, IT'S MY PROBLEM, NOT YOURS.
.....
...YOU KNOW, KAORU,
WHY DON'T YOU SLEEP HERE DURING THE WEEK?
HUH!!?
W-what's he talking about??

YOU COMMUTE TO SCHOOL EVEN THOUGH IT TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF, RIGHT? IF YOU STAY HERE, YOU COULD SPEND ALL THAT TIME SLEEPING.
THAT'S A PRETTY BIG TIME SAVER, ISN'T IT?
—A t-time saver !
...TH-THAT MAY BE SO...
BUT I CAN'T JUST STAY IN THE DORMS LIKE THAT...
Very weak against the word 'save'
VIP and #1 contributor
NO PROBLEM. NO ONE HERE WOULD DARE COMPLAIN ABOUT WHAT I DO.
WHY... ARE YOU WORRYING ABOUT ME SO MUCH ALL OF A SUDDEN?
TO YOU, RED UNIFORMS LIKE ME ARE JUST SERVANTS TO PLAY WITH, AREN'T WE?
...YEAH, IT STARTED OUT LIKE THAT,
BUT NOW IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT...

HUH?
NOW, INSTEAD OF BEING INTERESTED IN "KAORU, A RED UNIFORM AND MY RESERVE"
lean
I'M INTERESTED IN "KAORU, WHO'S WORKING HARD TO HELP OUT HIS FAMILY."
—I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHY.
...BUT WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, I FEEL RELAXED, LIKE I DID AFTER EATING YOUR LUNCH THAT TIME
MISONOO

heh
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU MORE OFTEN, AND YOU CAN GET MORE SLEEP AND RELAX SOME MORE THIS WAY.
YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT IT STILL WORKS OUT BETTER FOR BOTH OF US, DOESN'T IT?
WH-WHAT THE...? I'M THE ONE WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS.
YOU JUST WANT TO HAVE YOUR WAY WITH ME WHEN I'M IN YOUR ROOM, DON'T YOU?
.....
YOU KNOW IT'S HARD TO SAY IT, BUT—
I have to get that settled.
ABOUT MY BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER..
YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST AND DINNER WITH ME IN THE DORM CAFETERIA, AND I'LL SHARE MY MEAL TICKETS FOR LUNCH.
So I can save on food expenses, too... Still...
THAT SETTLES IT.
YOU'LL COME HERE STARTING TOMORROW.

—And like that Misonoo just went and decided everything for me
I was certainly grateful for being able to sleep at the dorm, which is much closer to work than my house
—HEY, KAORU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I really was pretty worn out
HUH ? I'M GETTING READY FOR BED
YOU CAN'T GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP ON THE COUCH
BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE BED
I don't mind sleeping on the couch
—UH... THAT'S KINDA...
shudder
It's really late
YOU CAN SLEEP IN MY BED WITH ME

...I think I'm replacing the troublesome commute with a strange sort of mental fatigue...
Who's the selfish one...?
Sigh
A-anyone would mind that...
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO UNHAPPY?
ARE YOU SAYING YOU CAN'T SLEEP IN MY BED?
THAT'S NOT IT I'M FINE WITH THE SOFA
YOU SURE ARE SELFISH
grab☆
Zzz
Zzz

lift
creak
MMM...
MMM...
stare
.....
kiss

Zzz
Zzzz
It's like my body is wrapped in silk—
SFX SOFT
ふか
ふか
chirp
chirp
—HMM...
soft
...?
Wah.. Why do I feel so comfortable ?
sit up
—WAH
HMM ?
HOW DID I GET IN MISONOO'S BED . !!?

OH, I CARRIED YOU HERE LAST NIGHT..
THE COUCH WON'T DO IT'S TOO HARD ON YOUR BODY
yawn
WHA ?
blush
I DID SLEEP LIKE A BABY
—
D-DID YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE. .?
HUH?
...NOT REALLY. WHY?
look away
I WONDER
rustle
rustle
ANYWAY, WE SHOULD HURRY UP AND GO TO BREAKFAST

I'LL TAKE THE SINK FIRST.
—I WAS SLEEPING IN THE SAME BED AS MY NAKED ROOMMATE...?
...Still, I feel refreshed for what seems like the first time in long time
Maybe it's because I got a good night's sleep.
Sigh
I guess I have to be grateful to Misorioo this time—
run
run
—HEY, KIRA-KUN!
run
OH MORNING, SAIKI-KUN.
HEY, KIRA-KUN, IS IT TRUE!?
...IS WHAT TRUE?
grab

WHAT, YOU ASK? YOU SLEPT IN MISONOO-KUN'S ROOM LAST NIGHT, RIGHT?
A BUNCH OF GUYS IN THE DORM SAW YOU TWO IN THE CAFETERIA TOGETHER THIS MORNING. EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT IT
THEY'RE SAYING MISONOO-KUN EVEN HAS HIS RED UNIFORM SERVING AS A RESERVE IN BED!
SO, DID YOU TWO REALLY DO IT??
—W-what...!!?
OH
I'LL JUST GO ASK MISONOO-KUN
dash
HUH WAIT A MINUTE
Y-YOU'RE MIS-TAKEN
.....
gloom
I have the sinking feeling things have gotten even more bothersome.
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